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Title:	METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE		

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Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3 with the following replacement paragraph:

-- This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/395,129, filed on September 14, 1999 which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/932,391, filed on September 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,972,887. --

Attached as Exhibit A is a marked of version of the replacement paragraph.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-6.

Please cancel claims 13-20.

Applicant wishes to pursue claims 7-12 and respectfully requests entry of the above amendment before examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Exhibit A - Marked-Up Version of Replacement Paragraph.**

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